

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): SEGERS et al.

Appn. No.: 09

Series Code ↑

552,672

Serial No. ↑

Filed: April 19, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: July 17, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.



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Client Ref
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EE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously		For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		14	**minus	20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203	
3. Independent Claims		3	***minus	3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202	
4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)					add	+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204	
5. Original due Date:		July 17, 2002		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =					115/215	
		(2 mos)	\$400/\$200 =	+ \$0				116/216	
		(3 mos)	\$920/\$460 =					117/217	
		(4 mos)	\$1,440/\$720=					118/218	
		(5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980=					128/228	
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0						
8.			Extension Fee	+ \$0					
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0				148/248	
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),		add	+ \$180	+ \$0				126	
or if Rule 97(d) Request		add	+ \$180	+ \$0				126	
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0				146/246	
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0				149/249	
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$740/370	+ \$0				1179/1279	
14. Petition fee for				+ \$0					
15.			TOTAL FEE =	\$0					
16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".									
17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.									
18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.									
			PLEASE CHARGE OUR DEP. ACCT						
			Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) (Our Order No. 81468 268162 C# M#						

CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Appln. No.: 09/552,672

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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS

Confirmation No.: 2940

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 17, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 32 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The gas used in the gas bearing can be air and the gas source can be provided with a filter for the gas (e.g. air from outside) such that it is substantially free of foreign particles. Alternatively, other gases can be used, for example, nitrogen or helium. As will be appreciated by the skilled artisan, one can control the gas bearing by having apertures for the inflow of gas to the gas bearing and also apertures for the evacuation of gas from the gas bearing. A particular pressure for the inflow of gas may be between about 1.1 and 1.5 bar whereas a reduced gas pressure for the evacuation of the gas may be between about 0.5 and the 0.9 bar, for example. The gas bearing may have a thickness less than about 150 µm, for example.